U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410-3000
COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Computer Matching Income Verification Discrepancy Resolution

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

HUD has launched a new initiative under the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) to help Public Housing Agencies, Owners, and Management Agents (POAs) detect and deter abuse of rental assistance programs. This initiative uses computer matching income verification (CMIV) to match Federal tax information to income data provided to HUD by POAs. REAC then issues discrepancy notifications to POAs alerting them that potential income discrepancies exist for certain tenants and asks POAs to determine if discrepancies are valid. POAs subsequently report their discrepancy resolution results to REAC. This information will help POAs detect abuses in rental assistance programs and will assist HUD in targeting areas for rental assistance program improvement. CMIV will also assist HUD to insure that eligible individuals or families receive rental assistance at the appropriate level.

To prepare POAs for their important role in CMIV discrepancy resolution, HUD conducted initial training sessions in March 2000. This training session presents revised procedures and policies for the current Calendar Year 1998 Baseline Income Discrepancy Resolution Guide, Release 1.8. It is also designed to provide POAs with a sufficient understanding of the process involved to accurately perform discrepancy resolution activities. The presentation of course material during the training session consists of a case study to illustrate the discrepancy resolution process. A taped video segment describes the Internet status reporting application, which POAs are required to use when reporting the results of their discrepancy resolution activities to REAC.

At the end of this training session, POA participants will be able to:

- Review initial discrepancy notifications from HUD;
- Resolve discrepancies; and
- Report status of resolution activities to REAC on a quarterly basis.

METHOD OF DELIVERY: Distance Learning

COURSE DATES: Tuesday, August 22, 2000
                       Friday, August 25, 2000

COURSE TIMES (Each Day): 1:00 P.M. To 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

COURSE LOCATION: HUD Local Offices, including Hub Offices and Program Centers, or via simulcast at http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/

SATELLITE COORDINATES: GE1, C Band Key Code W1, Transponder 1, Channel 1, 3720 MHz, Horizontal 103 Degrees West

TARGETED AUDIENCE AND WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This broadcast is primarily targeted toward Public Housing Agencies, Owners, and Management Agents (POAs) involved with the following HUD rental assistance programs: Public Housing, Section 8 Tenant-Based, Section 8 Project-Based, Rental Supplement, Rental Assistance Program, 202 and 811 Project Rental Assistance Contract and 202/162 Project Assistance Contract.

COURSE MATERIALS:

The "Calendar Year 1998 Baseline Income Discrepancy Resolution Guide," Release 1.8, which details the CMIV discrepancy resolution activities, has been posted on the REAC Web site - http://www.hud.gov/reac/products/tass/tass_guide_poa.html. Although it is not required, participants are encouraged to review the Guide prior to attending this training session.

QUESTIONS:

The training session will include a Question and Answer period for participants. The course presenters from the REAC Tenant Assessment Subsystem and a panel of representatives from the Office of Public and Indian Housing and the Office of Housing will be available to address participant questions.

People interested in attending this training should first contact the HUD Offices to verify space arrangements.

If you have questions prior to the distance learning training session regarding general administrative issues, you may contact Vicki Ellison, the Training Consultant, at 202-708-4932, extension 3215. For computer matching income verification technical questions, you may contact Myra Newbill at 202-708-4932, extension 3211.